

THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, 1858.

THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

At the last sitting M. Ste. Claire Deville read a letter from M. de Verneuil, who wrote from Naples to state that Mount Vesuvius was, on the 6th, emitting torrents of vapor from two mouths, one in the centre of the plateau and the other at the foot of a little conicality to the east. The former is stated in the letter to be an abyss fifty inches in diameter, terminated with three conical eminences, and crowned with an orifice eight meters in diameter, whence the smoke issues continuously, though at times larger volumes are emitted by puffs, accompanied with fragments of rocks. When such occurred, the bottom of the abyss is filled with red vapor, which the ordinary spectator would mistake for flames. The writer adds that about three weeks before the above date, streams of lava had descended into the Arco del Cavallo, and that the Punta del Palo is no longer distinguishable from the rest of the plateau. M. Deville here took occasion to remark on the numerous changes which the table land of Vesuvius had undergone since 1855, and especially on the obliteration of the Punta del Palo, and of a vast circular excavation which occupied the centre of the plateau.

M. de Beaumont here stated that when he visited Mount Vesuvius the Punta del Palo was the highest point of the circumference of the crater, while M. de Saussure, in 1772, found the highest point in a position diametrically opposite to that of the Punta del Palo. Such variations in the situation of the highest point of the crater he had also observed on Mount Etna.

Dr. Guyon sent in various colored drawings of the state of the body and viscera under the influence of yellow fever. Dr. Guyon, having studied that disease for many years in America, had visited Lisbon during the late invasion, where he executed the drawings in question to be executed. He chiefly called the attention of the Academy to a new fact exemplified in his drawings, viz: the color assumed by the liver, which at the same time tends to degenerate into a fat substance.

M. Reynaud, Director of the Lighthouses of France, and M. Degrand, civil engineer, presented an account of a series of experiments conducted to ascertain the comparative distances at which colored lights are perceptible. From these experiments it appears that a red light is seen from a greater distance than a white or any other light, while blue and green are the least perceptible. This fact, which appears not yet to have been observed, is of considerable importance to navigation.

Mr. Page, a captain in the United States' service, sent in several maps compiled by him during a voyage of discovery he undertook in 1855 on board the Discovery to the South American seas.

A CUP OF BITTERS.

Thoughtless people would have the world made up of sweets; they would expunge bitter substances as useless. When, however, we look into nature's laboratory, we see that bitters have not been made in vain. The consumption of bitter substances by the human family is so great that it can only be compared to the demand for sweets. Bitter substances, like sweets, can be extracted from a great variety of plants growing in different parts of the earth.

The purest bitter principle is yielded by the quassia tree, so called after a negro named Quassi, who used it with remarkable success in curing a malignant fever, which prevailed at Surinam. The bitter principle of plants are called *Quassia* from the bitter power to cure fever. It is not, however, in ill health that bitters are solely used, but in ordinary beverages, which are not absolutely essential to support life. The principal bitter used in England is well known to be derived from the hop plant; in Germany it is from wormwood; in Italy it is from absinth. In the latter country we see men smoking their cigars, and at leisurely conversing, they drink "bottled absinth," which to an English palate, is so bitter as to be perfectly nauseous. In the Levant they eat a sort of bread called bitter-cumbar. Some of the Biblical interpreters think that this is the plant spoken of in the second book of Kings, chap. 5, ver. 39-41, on tasting which for the first time the people exclaimed to Elisha, "there is death in the pot," but on being mixed with meal there was "no harm in it." In Scotland they dry and chew the roots of the bitter vetch; these roots are also put into their whiskey. The bitter vetch is reputed to have the power of allaying hunger and thirst for a lengthened period; but in London the "evening topped" drink, bitters in the morning to stimulate the appetite.

There are a great many other bitter plants used in various parts of the world. In Sweden the marsh mallow, or wild rosemary, takes the place of the hop; and in North America they have a plant called Labrador tea which affords a more bitter infusion than the Chinese tea used in England. Among the other numerous bitters we must not forget the chamomile, the bitter of which is said to be the only remedy for nightmare. Marsh-mallows turnip-tops, and many other things are included among the bitter food which we eat and relish.

It is not a little remarkable that young people have a dislike to any thing that is bitter, while elderly persons generally prefer bitter things. This is, in fact, it should be for as life advances our spiritual self would seem to require a more generous to the wheel, a resin to the bow, and this is well supplied by bitters.

MYROR'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 17, 1858.—To all whom it may concern.—In accordance with the order of the City Council, passed on the 9th of February 1858, I hereby give notice that the frame building, on the north side of Prince Street, between Alfred and Patrick streets, known as the late Wm. Drake's property, must be put in repair, and the lot properly tiled, graded and cleaned so that the said premises may cease to be a nuisance to the neighborhood—and the said parties whom it may concern, are forthwith notified that unless the above order is complied with, at the expiration of ten days from the date of this notice, the said building will be removed and the nuisance abated, under the superintendence of the Superintendent of Police, at the expense of the parties interested.

W. M. D. MASSEY, Mayor.

CARD.—Having understood that it is currently reported, that I have broken, and made an assignment, &c., I will say in reply, that I am not broke, not even bet, but am to be found at my old stand, No. 141 King street, (ready to pay dollar for dollar,) where is to be found a large assortment of SADDLES, HARNESS, and every other article in my line as was ever offered in this market.

W. F. ADGETT.

PICTURE FRAMES.—J. P. CLARKE is prepared to furnish at his store, No. 158, King street, all kinds of Looking Glass, Portraits, and Picture Frames, in Glass, Mouldings, &c., at the shortest notice, and as low as they can be bought in any of the Northern cities.

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CANDIDATES.

CANDIDATES.—A Convention of the American party and those who intend acting with them at the coming municipal election, was held at American Hall, on Tuesday night, the 10th inst., when the following named gentlemen were nominated.

FOR MAYOR—W. D. Massey.
 ATTORNEY—J. S. McCormick.
 ATTORNEY—Judge C. Neale.
 SURVEYOR—W. D. Stuart.
 SUPERINTENDENT OF GAS—Jacob Rosbury.
 SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE—Wm. Mankin.
 MASTER OF WOOD AND BARK—William C. Reynolds.
 CLERK OF THE MARKET—Thos. Whittington.
 MEASURES OF LUMBER—Wm. H. McKnight and John Greenwood.
 COLLECTORS OF TAXES—John A. Field, N. D., and Wesley Avery, S. D.
 ASSESSORS—Peter G. Henderson and William Davis.
 GAUGER—George McCleish.
 CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Wm. W. Rock.

JAMES SANGSTER will be supported for the office of Sheriff for this County, at the coming election, by [dec 5] MANY VOTERS.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA CITY AND COUNTY.—I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the ensuing May election, and most respectfully solicit your support.

dec 11—eote H. L. MONROE.

EDWARD MERIT—MAJOR GEORGE DUFFY, (presently incumbent) Commissioner of Revenue, is respectfully presented to the voters of Alexandria City, for re-election. The faithful and impartial manner in which he discharged his duty, will recommend him to the entire people. NO WOOLING.

jan 23—eote

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.—I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue, at the coming election, by [dec 5] P. C. CLAUGHTON.

HENRY L. SIMPSON will be supported as a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue, by a [dec 24] NUMBER OF FRIENDS.

GEORGE W. BRENT will be supported at the approaching election, as a competent person to fill the office of Attorney for the Corporation, by MANY INDEPENDENT VOTERS.

dec 19—eote

I hereby offer myself as an Independent candidate for the Clerkship of the Circuit Court, trusting, by the attention and energy, should I be elected, to faithfully perform the duties of the office. [dec 19—eote] EDW. B. POWELL.

WE are authorized to announce JOHN EVERETT, as a candidate for Superintendent of Gas. [dec 19—eote] CITIZENS.

Without the solicitation of many friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police. If it be the pleasure of my friends to elect me, I will faithfully perform the duties of the office.

dec 19—eote NEWMAN CROSS.

GEORGE DAVIS will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the approaching election, by MANY CITIZENS.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS.—I take this method of informing you, I am still a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police, and most respectfully solicit your suffrages at the ensuing election.

dec 19—eote GEO. W. WALKER.

WE are authorized to announce ELIHU H. SPANOS, as a candidate for Superintendent of Police, and if honestly, capacity, and fidelity, are passports to success, we doubt not that Mr. Stanton will secure a majority of the votes of the citizens of Alexandria, for the office.

dec 17—eote MANY FRIENDS.

Capt. JOSEPH C. MOORE will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing election, by MANY VOTERS.

JOHN CRAVEN will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, by [dec 7—eote] MANY VOTERS.

RICHARD W. ROBINSON will be supported at the next election, as an independent candidate, for the office of Superintendent of Police, by [dec 23—eote] MANY VOTERS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ALEXANDRIA.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police. Should it please the public to elect me, I promise to give my individual attention to my duty, and as far as possible, satisfy the just demands of an already oppressed tax paying community.

dec 30—eote SAMUEL BEACH.

RICHARD CORRELL, at the suggestion of many friends, has consented to be a candidate for Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing election.

dec 27—eote

GEORGE R. BLACKLOCK will be supported for the office of Collector of the Southern District at the ensuing Spring election, by many friends, at the urgent solicitation of a number of whom he has consented that his name should be brought before the public. If elected, he pledges himself to discharge faithfully, and to the best of his ability, the duties of the office.

dec 9—eote VOX POPULI.

At the request of many friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for the ensuing year, irrespective of the votes of the citizens of Alexandria.

dec 3—eote ROBERT SULLY.

JOSEPH BROOKS will be supported at the coming election, for the office of City Surveyor, by [dec 1—eote] MANY VOTERS.

At the solicitation of many friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Measure of Wood and Bark.

dec 13—eote JAMES P. COLEMAN.

JOSEPH T. SHERWOOD, as a candidate for Assessor, by [dec 24—eote] MANY FRIENDS.

A CARD.—At the solicitation of many friends, I announce that at the ensuing municipal election, I shall be a candidate for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. From boyhood I have never been devoid of a burning desire to be a Fireman's duty. The community in which I was born and reared know me, and I ask their support, promising that no effort on my part to discharge my duty will be spared. If I am a young man, I am an old Fireman. [dec 17—eote] CHARLES D. RUDD.

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER.—The office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department being one in our estimation, which should be filled by an experienced Fireman, we respectfully offer Mr. HENRY WEINSTEIN, as one fully competent.

jan 26—eote MANY VOTERS.

Our esteemed fellow-citizen J. T. AULLEY, is recommended for the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, by many friends of the coming election, by [dec 27—eote] MANY VOTERS.

I have consented to continue in the field, as a candidate for the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, if the fellow-citizens give me their support. If elected, I promise with my exertions to discharge the duties of said office correctly and faithfully.

dec 23—eote U. W. BAKER.

To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand. As honesty and integrity are virtues to be prized in the choice of public servants, I offer the name of WILLIAM CAMPBELL, one who has grown with our growth, and strengthened with our strength, as Inspector of Lumber, to succeed one who "was a man, like him for all in all, we never shall look on his like again."

dec 16—eote OLD CITIZEN.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Inspector of Lumber, by [dec 16—eote] J. T. HILL.

Wm. R. CAMPBELL will be supported at the coming election, for the office of Lumber Measure, by MANY VOTERS.

dec 17—eote

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BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.

NEW BOOKS.—Hamilton's History.—History of the Republic of the United States of America, as traced in the writings of Alexander Hamilton, and of his contemporaries, by John C. Hamilton, Vol. 1, price \$2.50.

Literary Labors.—Miscellaneous, Historical, and Political, by Joseph B. Cobb, \$1.

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dec 27—eote ROBERT BELL.

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dec 24—eote

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dec 17—eote

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